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10	BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA				
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 950-2019-002244			
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15	RAIF WADIE ISKANDER, P.A. 22 Winslow Street Ladera Ranch, CA 92694	ACCUSATION AND PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION			
16	Physician Assistant License No. PA 21793				
17	Respondent.				
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21	1. Rozana Khan (Complainant) brings this Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation				
22	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Of	ficer of the Physician Assistant Board,			
23	Department of Consumer Affairs.				
24		hysician Assistant Board (Board) issued			
25	Physician Assistant License No. PA 21793 to Raif Wadie Iskander, P.A. (Respondent). The				
26	Physician Assistant License expired on November 30, 2020, and has not been renewed.				
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PRIOR DISCIPLINE

3. In a prior disciplinary action entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against Raif Wadie Iskander*, *P.A.*, Case No. 950-2016-000846, the Board issued a Decision and Order, effective July 19, 2019, in which Respondent's Physician Assistant License No. PA 21793 was revoked. The revocation was stayed, however, and Respondent's Physician Assistant License No. PA 21793 was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years on certain terms and conditions. A true copy of that Decision and Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Board under the authority of the prior disciplinary order entitled *In the Matter of the Accusation Against Raif Wadie Iskander*, *P.A.*, Case No. 950-2016-000846 and the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 3527 of the Code states:
- (a) The board may order the denial of an application for, or the issuance subject to terms and conditions of, or the suspension or revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon a PA license after a hearing as required in Section 3528 for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, a violation of this chapter, a violation of the Medical Practice Act, or a violation of the regulations adopted by the board or the Medical Board of California.

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- (d) The board may order the licensee to pay the costs of monitoring the probationary conditions imposed on the license.
- (e) The expiration, cancellation, forfeiture, or suspension of a PA license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, the placement of a license on a retired status, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.
- 6. Section 3528 of the Code states any proceedings involving the denial, suspension, or revocation of the application for licensure or the license of a PA or the application for approval or the approval of an approved program under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with

1	Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government		
2	Code.		
3	7. Section 2234 of the Code states:		
4	The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with		
5	unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:		
6	(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.		
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8	(e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is		
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10	(f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.		
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13	8. Section 2236 of the Code states:		
14	(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct		
15	within the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.		
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17	(a) The division may inquire into the aircumstances surrounding the		
18	(c) The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or		
19	duties of a physician and surgeon.		
20	(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of <i>nolo contendere</i> is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section The record of		
21	conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred.		
22	9. Section 3531 of the Code states:		
23	A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of <i>nolo contendere</i> made to a charge of a felony or of any offense which is substantially related to the		
24	qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession to which the license was issued is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter. The		
25	board may order the license suspended or revoked, or shall decline to issue a license		
26	when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the		
27	imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of		
28	guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or		

1	16. Health and Safety Code section 11157 states:
2	No person shall issue a prescription that is false or fictitious in any respect.
3	17. Section 4021 of the Code states:
4	"Controlled substance" means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.
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6	18. Section 4022 of the Code states:
7 8	"Dangerous drug" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:
9	(a) Any drug that bears the legend: "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription," "Rx only," or words of similar import.
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11 12	(c) Any other drug that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
13	19. Title 21, United States Code Controlled Substances Act, section 841, states:
14	(a) Unlawful acts
15	Except as authorized by this subchapter, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally —
16 17	(1) to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance;
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19	20. Title 21, United States Code Controlled Substances Act, section 843, states:
20	(a) Unlawful acts
21	It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally—
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23	(3) to acquire or obtain possession of a controlled substance by
24	misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, or subterfuge;
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26	(4)(A) to furnish false or fraudulent material information in, or omit any material information from, any application, report, record, or other document required
27	to be made, kept, or filed under this subchapter or subchapter II of this chapter
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1	21. Title 21, United States Code Controlled Substances Act, section 846, states:	
2	Any person who attempts or conspires to commit any offense defined in this subchapter shall be subject to the same penalties as those prescribed for the offense, the commission of which was the object of the attempt or conspiracy.	
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5	22. Section 125 of the Code states:	
6	Any person, licensed under Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the disciplinary provisions of this code applicable to them, who conspires with a person not so licensed to violate any provision of this code	
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9	23. Unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 2234 is conduct	
10	which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is	
11	unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an	
12	unfitness to practice medicine. ²	
13	REGULATORY PROVISIONS	
14	24. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.521 states:	
15 16	In addition to the grounds set forth in section 3527, subdivision (a), of the Code, the board may deny, issue subject to terms and conditions, suspend, revoke or place on probation a physician assistant for the following causes:	
17	(a) Any violation of the State Medical Practice Act which would constitute unprofessional conduct for a physician and surgeon.	
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20	25. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1399.525, states:	
21	(a) For the purposes of the denial, suspension or revocation of a license	
22	pursuant to division 1.5 (commencing with section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties	
23	of a person holding a license under the Physician Assistant Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding such a license to perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent	
24	with the public health, safety or welfare.	
25	(b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under subdivision (a) for a crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:	
26 27	(1) The nature and gravity of the offense;	
28	² Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners, (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.	

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1	(2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the offense; and,	
2	(3) The nature and duties of a physician assistant.	
3	(c) For purposes of subdivision (a), substantially related crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include, but are not limited to, the following:	
4	(1) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Medical Practice Act.	
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6	(2) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or	
7 8	abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of the Physician Assistant Practice Act or other state or federal laws governing the practice of physician assistants.	
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10	(5) Any crime, professional misconduct, or act involving the sale, gift,	
11	administration, or furnishing of narcotics or dangerous drugs or dangerous devices, as defined in Section 4022 of the code.	
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13	COST RECOVERY	
14	26. Section 125.3 of the Code states that:	
15 16	(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the administrative law judge may direct a licensee	
17	found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum no to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.	
18	(b) In the case of a disciplined licentiate that is a corporation or a partnership, the order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.	
19	(c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where	
20	actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated representative shall be <i>prima facie</i> evidence of reasonable costs of	
21	investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not	
22	limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.	
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2425	(g)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.	
26	(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion,	
27	conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement	
28	with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid	

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

The Conspiracy:

- 27. At all relevant times, Respondent was a physician assistant licensed to practice medicine in California and working for a medical practice located in Orange County.
- 28. From approximately 2018 and continuing to on or about April 18, 2019, there was an agreement between Respondent and several drug brokers, by which Respondent would receive cash bribes from the drug brokers in exchange for prescriptions for oxycodone. Respondent would write prescriptions for oxycodone by filling in the drug type, dosage, and pill quantity on the prescription but leaving the patient name blank, so that a drug broker could fill in the patient name later.
- 29. The drug brokers would provide to Respondent the names and dates of birth of persons whose names could be used on the prescriptions as purported patients. Respondent would check the prescription history of the purported patients to see if their names could be used without attracting the scrutiny of the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- 30. Respondent would provide the prescriptions to various drug brokers, knowing that the oxycodone filled from the prescriptions would be sold to drug customers who were not using the oxycodone for legitimate medical purposes and whom Respondent had never met or examined.
- 31. The drug brokers would then sell the prescriptions or the oxycodone filled from the prescriptions for cash, and share the proceeds with Respondent.
- 32. On or about December 18, 2018, Respondent wrote a prescription for 120 pills of 30 mg oxycodone, leaving the patient name blank, and sold the prescription to a drug broker ("Broker 1") for about \$1,000, knowing Broker 1 would distribute the oxycodone.
- 33. At a parking lot in Irvine, California, Broker 1 wrote a name on the prescription of the purportedly receiving 'patient' and delivered the prescription to a co-conspirator. ("Co-conspirator"). Co-conspirator then filled the prescription at a pharmacy in Newport Beach, California, and gave 108 pills of oxycodone for \$2,400 to a drug customer, who was in reality an undercover law enforcement officer.

probation monitor, during which all the terms and conditions of his probation were reviewed.

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1	42.	At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation in Case No. 950-2016-
2	000846, Condition No. 2 provided, in pertinent part:	
3		CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM Within 60 days of the effective date of
4		this decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval, a clinical training or educational program such as the Physician
5		Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) offered by the University of California - San Diego School of Medicine or equivalent program as approved by the Board or its designee. The exact number of hours and specific
67		content of the program shall be determined by the Board or its designee. The program shall determine whether respondent has successfully completed and passed the program.
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9		Respondent shall successfully complete and pass the program not later than six
10		months after respondent's initial enrollment. The program determines whether or not the respondent successfully completes the program. If respondent fails to either 1) complete the program within the designated time period, or 2) to
11		pass the program, as determined by the program, respondent shall cease practicing as a physician assistant immediately after being notified by the
12		Board or its designee.
13	43.	At no time since the effective date of Respondent's probation has he either enrolled in
14	or completed a clinical training or educational program as required by Condition No. 2 of his	
15	probation.	
16	44.	At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation in Case No. 950-2016-
17	000846, C	Condition No. 5 provided, in pertinent part:
18		APPROVAL OF SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for
19		its-prior approval the name and license number of the supervising physician and a practice plan detailing the nature and frequency of supervision to be
20		provided. Respondent shall not practice until the supervising physician and practice plan are approved by the Board or its designee
21	45.	Respondent failed to submit the required paperwork and no practice plan was ever
22	approved	by the Board of any designee as required by Condition No. 5.
23	46.	At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation in Case No. 950-2016-
24	000846, C	Condition No. 8 provided:
25		QUARTERLY REPORTS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations
26		under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
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FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Acts of Dishonesty or Corruption)

66. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 3527 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (e), of the Code, in that he committed acts of dishonesty or corruption, as more particularly described in paragraphs 27 through 39, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prescribing Dangerous Drugs Without an Appropriate Exam)

67. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 3527 and 2234, as defined by section 2242 of the Code, in that he prescribed, dispensed or furnished dangerous drugs without an appropriate prior examination and a medical indication, as more particularly described in paragraphs 27 through 39, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(General Unprofessional Conduct)

68. Respondent is further subject to disciplinary action under sections 3527 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 1399.521, subdivision (a), and 1399.525, as defined by section 2234 of the Code, in that he has engaged in conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming of a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine, as more particularly described in paragraphs 27 through 67, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Physician Assistant Board issue a decision:

 Revoking probation and carrying out the discipline that was stayed in Case No. 950-2016-000846, revoking Respondent's Physician Assistant License No. PA 21793;

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